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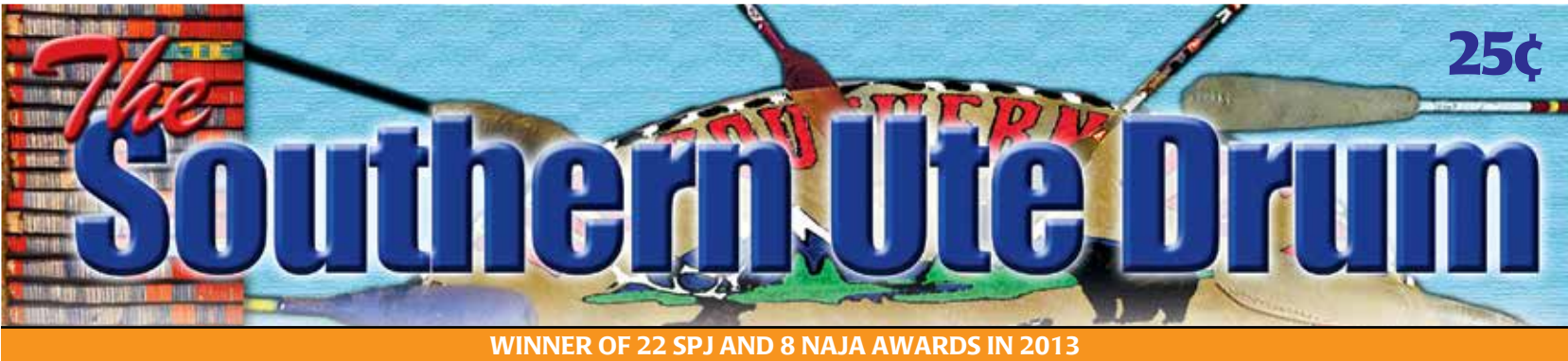
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TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Chairman meets with leaders in D.C. to promote tribal interests

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. spent last week in Washington, D.C., meeting with Colorado's Congressional delegation and federal officials on tribal concerns of lacking resources within the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Foremost among the issues is that understaffing at the BIA has slowed tribal transactions – especially in realty – to a crawl where they require federal approval. In a Tuesday, Nov. 12 meeting with Mike Black, director of the BIA, Newton suggested that the tribe has demonstrated the capacity to conduct its own business and should be allowed to.

Black agreed with Newton's assessment.

"You've got a better infrastructure than we do, to be honest with you," he said. "I felt pretty bad for the [BIA Southern Ute Agency] staff when I went out and visited with them, because they are overworked and understaffed."

Black said he's working on a program that would allow the BIA to accept donations to fund its operations. But Monte Mills, director of the tribe's Legal Department, said the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has said it



Ace Stryker/SU Drum
Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. shakes hands with Colorado Rep. Scott Tipton, R-Cortez, following a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14 in Washington, D.C.

believes the situation will only get worse in the coming years. Already, the bureau's funding has been slashed by millions in recent years.

Mills suggested that one possible solution would involve legislation that, with respect to Southern Ute only, would change the BIA's role from review and approval of transactions to technical support and enforcement.

"The Tribal Council is really sort of looking a big picture, long-term things," he said.

Newton next met with staffers from the office of Sen. Mark Udall, D-Colo.,

to seek support for changing the way the BIA interacts with the tribe.

"Things are not going to get better with the bureau," he said, adding that improving efficiency is about "maximizing our sovereignty."

Kim Corbin, Udall's legislative counsel, expressed interest in working with the tribe to explore what a new relationship might look like. "We might be able to speed things up or at least get answers," she said.

Newton's whirlwind tour around Capitol Hill then moved to the office of Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo.

Bennet was not present, but his staff was similarly receptive to the idea.

"I don't think we're proposing that this is an answer for any other tribe than Southern Ute," Mills said. "This is the tribe's record of accomplishments."

Newton also requested help on funding repairs to the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project and on altering the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rules for hydraulic fracturing, which could put Indian Country projects at a competitive disadvantage.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL

Baker wins council seat; Olguin, Dutchie go to runoff

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Mel Baker won a majority of votes in the Friday, Nov. 1 Southern Ute general election and will be seated as the newest member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in December.

Baker garnered 193 votes, being favored by 52.6 percent of voters casting ballots. He was the only candidate to secure the majority necessary to win a seat in the general election.

Because no other candidate won a majority, the second open council seat remains undecided. The next two candidates to receive the most votes in the general election – current Vice Chairman James M. Olguin with 38.4 percent and Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie with 31.3 percent – will participate in a runoff election slated for Friday, Dec. 13.

The other four candidates in the general election will not proceed to the



Ace Stryker/SU Drum
Melvin J. Baker

runoff: Edward B. Box III with 24.5 percent, Lena M. W. Atencio with 15.8 percent, Erwin Edward Taylor with 14.2 percent, and Estelle Monte Jimenez with 13.1 percent.

There are 892 registered Southern Ute voters. A total of 367 ballots were cast in the general election for a voter turnout of 41.1 percent.

The Tribal Council certified the results Monday, Nov. 4 by a unanimous vote with Olguin abstaining.

So. Ute tribal offices holiday hours

• Thursday, Nov. 28	Closed	Thanksgiving day
• Friday, Nov. 29	Closed	Thanksgiving holiday
• Monday, Dec. 9	Closed	Leonard C. Burch holiday
• Tuesday, Dec. 10	Closed	Leonard C. Burch Day
• Wednesday, Dec. 25	Closed	Christmas day

VETERANS NEWS

Symposium brings veterans together to learn; celebrate

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

"It's like a family reunion" Southern Ute Vietnam veteran Rod Grove said, a sentiment echoed by Milton Poola, one of the conferences long time attendees.

In it's 15th year, the Native American Veterans Symposium draws hundreds in from across Indian Country to discuss opportunities available to Native American veterans, while providing an atmosphere for socialization, networking and support.

"Our veterans command the respect of the American people," said Marvin Trujillo Jr. Veterans Program Director Pueblo of Laguna and former First Lieutenant Marine Corps.

Trujillo summed up the purpose of the symposium, "to better educate our veterans on what's available to them."

He also served as master of ceremonies for the morning presentations held in the ballroom theater of the Route 66 Hotel and Casino on the Laguna Pueblo.

Located to the west of Albuquerque, New Mexico the symposium took place on Friday, November 8 in recognition of Veterans Day.

This year's Symposium was sponsored by Indian Health Services & Veterans Affairs and co-sponsored by the Pueblo of Laguna. The event draws upwards of 600 attendees each year.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/Special to the Drum
Informal conversations carry on throughout the symposium, (left to right) Larry Lehte, HoMana Pawiki, Milton Poola and Rod Grove stand for a formal portrait, following a discussion on the symposiums long history in New Mexico.
See more photos on page 7.

"I thought about the many wars and challenges that have confronted our people," Laguna Pueblo Governor Richard B. Luarkie said, "we have a history as native people."

Luarkie spoke of the willingness of Native Americans to lend themselves [enlist] to protect American soil in times of war. To put their lives on the line to honor their beliefs.

"That foundation has driven us to this day," Luarkie said, "as I think about these things [I can't help but feel] how blessed we are as a people"

"I want to say thank you again. It is an honor to have you on our lands and in our facility," Luarkie said.

The Laguna Eagle dancers performed a traditional song during the posting of the colors. An informational

presentation followed opening remarks, covering such topics as the Affordable Care Act and it's possible effect on services such as Medicaid, and The Exchange.

"No big change for veterans under the law," assured Abuko D. Estrada, staff attorney NM center on law and poverty, in regards to the implementation of The Affordable Care Act.

Trujillo encouraged veterans to enroll in State and Federal programs if not for themselves then simply to help better their communities, "Economic development in their communities, even housing," can be effected in a positive way he said.

"I think it strengthens Indian Health Services if we are involved [that goes for] both veterans and families," Grove said.

NATIONAL NATIVE AFFAIRS

D.C. could soon see Native American veterans memorial

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The movement to create a memorial in the nation's capital honoring the military service of Native Americans is gaining steam.

The omission of tribes among the pantheon of monuments in Washington, D.C., has drawn the ire of many in Indian Country for decades. In 1984, a statue called The Three Soldiers was unveiled near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Designed to complement the memorial and honor the contributions of various races in the war, it features a white Marine and two U.S. Army soldiers, one black and one Hispanic – and no American Indian.

Approximately 86,000 served in the military during the Vietnam era, according to research by De Anza College. Nearly 90 percent volunteered, and more than half saw combat. That gives Native Americans "the highest record of service per capita of any ethnic group," according to the school.

Congress initially approved the Native American Veterans' Memorial Establishment Act in 1994, paving the way for a new monument. But the authorization limited the site to the interior of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, where many have agreed there's not enough room for a proper tribute.



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The Three Soldiers, unveiled in 1984 near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., honors the service of white, black and Hispanic members of the U.S. military. A pair of bills currently in Congress would authorize the construction of a Native American memorial on the grounds of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

Earlier this year, Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, introduced legislation to change that. Senate Bill 1046, Native American Veterans' Memorial Amendments Act of 2013, introduced in May, would permit construction of a memorial outdoors on the museum grounds.

"Per capita, Native Americans – including American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians – serve at a higher rate in the Armed Forces than any other group of Americans and have served in all of the nation's wars since the Revolutionary War," Schatz said in a release. "Our Native veterans have sacrificed their lives for this country, and it is important that we recognize their bravery and patriotism with a fitting memorial."

In June, Rep. Markwayne

Mullin, R-Okla., introduced a companion bill, H.B. 2319, in the House. Mullin, a member of the Cherokee Nation who sits on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, said the country has an obligation to recognize its Native veterans.

"Our Native American heritage is one we can take pride in and one we should respectfully honor," Mullin said in a release. "Passage of this legislation is vital to get this project off the ground and get our brave Native Americans who fought for our freedoms the memorial they deserve."

Both bills have been referred to committee, where they will be consider sending it to their respective houses of Congress.



COUNCIL CORNER

Leonard C. Burch essay contest in its second year

By Beth Santistevan
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

Students of the Ignacio School District and all enrolled tribal member students K-12 keep an eye out in the mail for a very important piece of information.

The second annual Leonard C. Burch Celebration of Life, Art and Literacy Contest is upon us. Last year students across the Ignacio school district took part in an art, poetry and essay contest to honor and celebrate the life of former Chairman Leonard C. Burch. Mr. Burch was a member of the Tribal Council and served as Tribal Chairman for more than 32 years before he passed away in 2003.

In 1996, then Tribal Council passed a resolution designating December 10 of every year Leonard C. Burch Day.

Locally, the community and tribe celebrate this day as a non-working holiday. The Ignacio School district closes for the day in honor of this great leader.

Over the years as people move in and out of the community and become new employees to the organization, the memory of who Mr. Burch was and what he and other councils accomplished is forgotten.

The foundation for the art and literacy contest is so our youth, tribal and non tribal will come to know who Mr. Burch was and what the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has done for its people and the community.

“When the students wake

up in the morning on Leonard C. Burch we want them to know why they have the day off. It’s because of the dedication and accomplishments from those past councils and the leadership of Mr. Burch which is why the tribe is where it is today,” said Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr.

Last year the contest was geared specifically toward Mr. Burch; his life, his family, his tradition and his service to the Southern Ute people.

There was an enormous amount of feedback from all schools within the district and some very sentimental essays written in his honor. Many students who participated said they appreciated what they learned about Mr. Burch and his family and had no idea who he was or why there was day designated for him.

This year, the essay committee decided to build upon the accomplishments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, none of which would have been possible without the great leadership of the Tribal Councils of the past.

The focus of this years essay contest will be the Animas La Plata Project or the ALP. There is much history to the ALP for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the surrounding communities involved. It has ultimately led to the construction of Lake Nighthorse located near Durango Colorado. The communities involved have been discussing water rights of the Animas La Plata Project for years before the construction of Lake Nighthorse.

Last year, the contest was held in December in conjunction with Leonard C. Burch day. This year, since there is so much information on the ALP and the essay committee would like to give the school district ample time to incorporate the ALP into their curriculum; the contest will conclude in the spring of 2014.

According to Tribal Information Services Director, Andrea Taylor the winners will be announced in March. “There is so much information out there and so many sources we think it would be beneficial for the teachers to take the time and be able to collect that information so the students get a real grasp of what the ALP is and how important it is to us, as Indian people,” she said.

For those students off the reservation, Tribal Information Services and the Cultural department are compiling a list of sources and will incorporate links on the website so participation in the contest won’t be difficult.

“It’s just as important for our tribal members who live off the reservation to learn the impacts of the ALP on our people,” said Newton.

The hope for this essay contest is to incorporate the history of the Southern Ute Tribe and its great leaders through art and literacy.

“There isn’t enough being taught about the Southern Ute Tribe in the schools and this is our way of helping to educate the youth in our tribe and our community,” said Newton.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. During Thanksgiving, Thursday pickups will be done on Friday and Friday pickups will be done on Saturday. On the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally for New Year’s Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HUNTERS

Are you interested in hunting elk on the Pueblo of Laguna reservation? Contact the wildlife office: Annex Building, Room 125 or call 970-563-0130.

SOUTHERN UTE YOUTH BIG GAME HUNT

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is in the initial stages of planning a Youth/ Mentor big game hunt on Tribal lands in late November 2103, exact dates to be determined. Our goal is to educate and encourage Tribal Member youth about hunting and outdoor activities on the Reservation.

Youth Hunter Requirements:

- 12 to 17 years old
- Passed Hunter Education
- Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member

In addition, the Wildlife Division is interested in recruiting experienced adult Tribal Member hunters to serve as mentors for the youth hunters. Please contact the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130 for more information, to register, or volunteer.

MANY MOONS AGO



10 years ago

The Color Guard comprised of Rod Grove (Southern Ute), Austin Box (Southern Ute), Felix Tucson (Southern Ute) and Ernest House (Ute Mountain Ute) awaits its entry.

This photo first appeared in the November 11, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

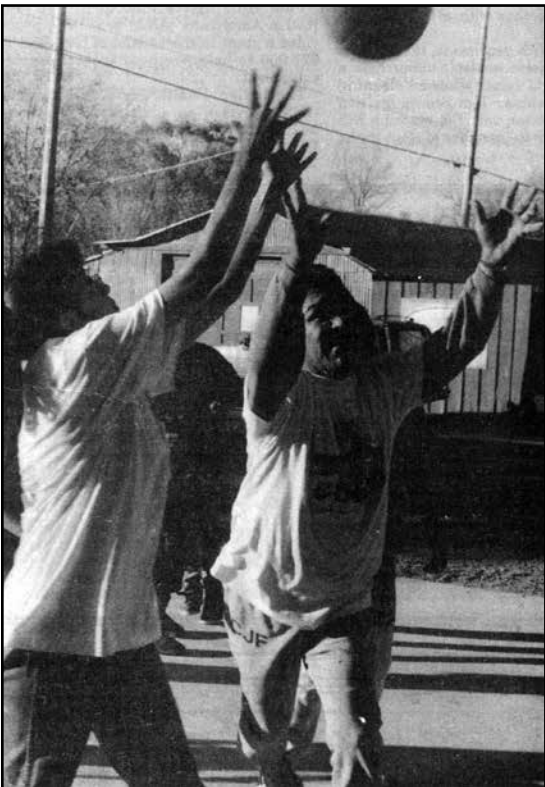


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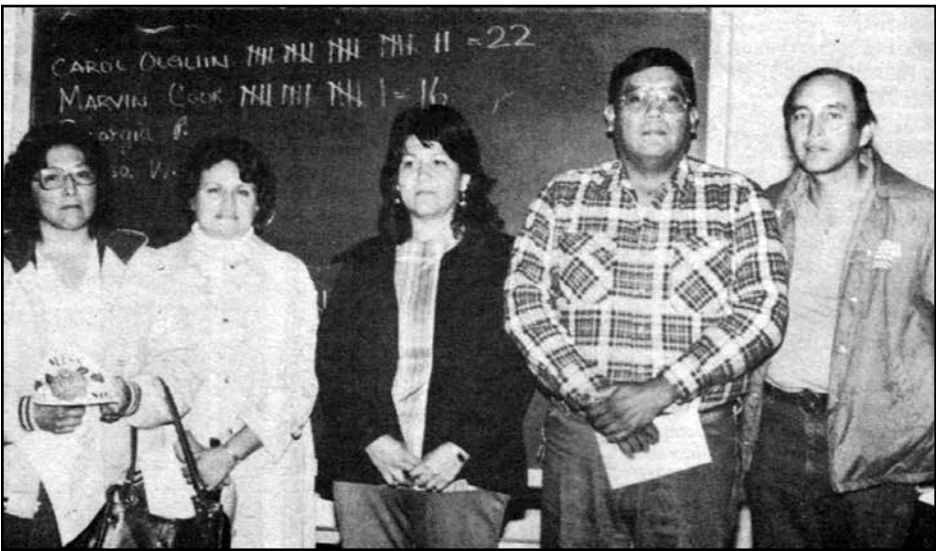
20 years ago

Latitia Taylor-Odoms and Councilman Clement Frost go for the loose ball rebound! The Housing Authority beat the Tribe 3 games to 1.

This photo first appeared in the November 18, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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30 years ago

JOM Election was held on Tuesday, November 8, 1983 at the Community Center. Elected were Georgia Pinnecoose, Teresa Winlock, Carol Olguin, Ronnie Baker and Marvin Cook.

This photo first appeared in the November 18, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE • RUN-OFF ELECTION
DECEMBER 13, 2013

Candidates for one Tribal Council Member seats are:
Notice: Vote for one

James M. Olguin
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Voter Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 by 5 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 by 5 p.m.
Emergency Ballot Request Deadline: Thursday, December 12, 2013 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303, or 2305. Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov. The Election Board is open monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



CHAIRMAN MEETS WITH LEADERS • FROM PAGE 1

The following day, Newton attended the fifth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference at the U.S. Department of the Interior. President Obama addressed tribal leaders from across the country, outlining his intentions to strengthen the federal government’s services to tribes in four areas: justice, economic opportunity, health care and natural resources.

“We have a unique legal and political relationship,” Obama said. “I want to build on our true government-to-government relationship. ... While we should be proud of what we’ve achieved together in recent years, we also should be focused on all the work that we still have to do.”

President Obama addresses tribal leaders from across the country Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the fifth annual White House Tribal Nations Conference at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C.



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Durango honors Ute tribes



Beth Santistevan/SU Tribal Council

On Tuesday, Nov. 5 the Durango City Council honored the two Ute Tribes of Colorado, The Southern and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes, by reading a proclamation honoring November as Native American Heritage month. Pictured here is Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. taking the proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Durango, Dick White. Also in attendance, Councilman Alex Cloud, the Southern Ute Royalty and representatives from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

PROCLAMATION

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

November 2013

WHEREAS, the original inhabitants of North America, American Indians, have endured and remain a vital cultural, political, social, and moral presence that has been an integral part of the American character. Tribal America has brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from very different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation’s history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine, education, religion, architecture, environment, and military; and

WHEREAS, National American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize the intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate American Indian Heritage Month while we take note of the injustices that have been suffered by American Indian people. Even today, few enjoy the full bounty of America’s prosperity. But even as we look to the past, we must also look to the future. Along with other Americans, American Indians and Alaska Natives will face new challenges in the coming century. We can ill afford to leave any of our people behind. Tribal America must figure as prominently in our future as it has in our past; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango recognizes its longest continuous residents, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, as well as all other Tribal Nations and Alaskan Natives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango honors the contributions of the American Indian people, and encourages its citizens to actively seek knowledge about the history and heritage of the American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, Fort Lewis College recognizes its unique history and its use as an educational outpost specifically dedicated to American Indian education, including the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes in particular (and in fact provides the most baccalaureate graduates of Native decent in the country), and does continue to provide higher education for all American Indian people (tuition free), which opportunities further strengthen the ties between Native cultures and the Durango community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dick White, as Mayor of Durango, Colorado, in recognition of the heritage, history, art, and traditions of American Indian people, encourage citizens to commemorate these contributions with appropriate programs and activities, and do hereby proclaim November, 2013 as:

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

CITY OF DURANGO

Richard E. White

Richard E. White
Mayor

ATTEST

Amy Phillips

Amy Phillips
City Clerk

Smithsonian to Southern Ute



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Shirley Cloud-Lane is the new education coordinator at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. She most recently lived in Washington, D.C., where she worked at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian for nine years, first as a cultural interpreter and eventually as assistant to the deputy director.

CULTURAL UPDATE

CULTURE DEPT. EVENTS

Focusing on the youth: Powwow etiquette. Nov. 20, 2:30-4:30 p.m., SUCCM large classroom.

American Indian Heritage Month Powwow: Nov. 22, 5-10 p.m., SUCCM large classroom. This is a community event to get together and share in the fun of dancing and singing.

Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner: Nov. 23, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sky Ute Events Center in Sky Ute Casino and Resort – open to all Southern Ute tribal member families. Invited guests - Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members. Sign in is required.

Givon Ute 101-103: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings, SUCCM small classroom.

Conversational Ute with Alden Naranjo: Nov. 14 and 21, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., SUCCM large classroom.

Children and Families Ute Language Class: Nov. 17, 2-4 p.m., SUCCM large classroom.

All events and activities are subject to change. For more information on the Culture Department events and activities call Darlene Frost at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620.

TASTE OF NATIVE CUISINE AND CULTURE EXPO

Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Gourmet food prepared with traditional Native American ingredients by chefs, Karlo Baca (SUIT) and Anthony Hamlin (Navajo) and an exhibition by the Southern Ute powwow dancers. Activities for all ages. Only 200 tickets available - purchase in advance at SUCCM front desk or by phone 970-563-9583. \$20 for adults \$10 ages 7-15, free for children under seven with a paid adult.

POWWOW DANCERS AND DRUM GROUP NEEDED

The Southern Ute Museum is looking for 20 powwow dancers and a drum group to perform at the “Taste of Native Cuisine & Artesian Market” on Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. A stipend plus a meal will be provided. If you are interested please call Tara Vigil at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624, if you have any questions about the event itself please contact SUCCM at 970-563-9583.

DANCERS NEEDED TO PERFORM

The Ignacio Schools would like powwow dancers to perform on Nov. 26. K-5th grade will be from 9 to 10 a.m. which will be held at the Ignacio Jr. High old gym. 6-12th grade will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Ignacio High School gym. If you are interested please contact Tara Vigil at the Culture Department at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

INDIGENOUS TALKING CIRCLE TO BE HELD AT MUSEUM

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum in coordination with Fielding Graduate University is inviting interested tribal members, community members and tribal departments including the Boys and Girls club, Southern Ute Montessori Academy, Tribal Education, local schools, and the Cultural Department to attend an indigenous talking circle on Nov. 18, in the large classroom and around the sacred fire. The talking circle will be an approach to evaluate the ideas that have been developed through the “participatory action research project” as well as for planning activities in the Black Forest involving Ute sacred prayer trees. Special projects at SUCCM may include how to involve the elders with the youth by hearing what collaborative ideas come up at the talking circle. Our hope is that SUCCM will become a “hub for holistic lifelong learning” that will involve local, state wide, national funding groups, private foundation and the tribal departments to meet the needs preserve and sustain Ute traditions, history and cultural education programs. Future planning may include have special classes at the Community Center, SUCCM, and in the local schools depending on what direction SUCCM receives during the talking circle(s). If you are interested in attending in person or call 970-563-9583 for any questions.

MUSEUM EXTENDS RAFFLE FOR ATV TO FEB 14

The board of directors of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has extended the drawing date for the Honda ATV raffle until noon, Feb. 14, 2014. Only 2,000 total tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at the museum front desk, from board members and staff, and by phone with a credit card by calling 970-563-9583.

Laguna youth to hunt reservation



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Five young hunters from the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico met with members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council on Monday, Nov. 4 to share homemade gifts and express thanks for being allowed to hunt deer on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The deer is a sacred animal to the Laguna people.

The hunters were joined by Gov. Richard B. Luarkie (right) and Southern Ute Wildlife Resource Management Division Biologist Aran Johnson (second from right). This is the first year the pueblo has sent youth to hunt on Southern Ute lands.





KIDNEY CORNER

Peritoneal dialysis as an alternative

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO
NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

In the last issue of the Kidney Corner, we discussed hemodialysis, a procedure used to clear toxins from the body of patients who have kidney failure. An alternative type of dialysis is peritoneal dialysis, which provides a different way of treating kidney failure. This treatment removes toxins from the blood using a naturally occurring membrane which surrounds the abdominal contents, called the peritoneum.

In this procedure, sterile fluid is infused through a catheter (flexible tube) implanted into the abdomen through the front of the abdominal wall. This fluid is allowed to dwell in the abdomen for a period of a few hours, during which time it absorbs toxins from the blood. It is then drained and replaced with fresh sterile fluid. Different strengths of fluid are can be used to drain more or less water with each exchange, depending on the needs of the individual.

This procedure is done by the patient himself or herself. He/she undergoes a period of training (usually one to two weeks) then continues the peritoneal dialysis at home. Usually a patient does around



5 exchanges per day. This can either be done throughout the day or at night. Nighttime peritoneal dialysis is usually done with the assistance of a cyclor, a machine which does the exchanges while the patient is asleep. Nighttime cyclers have become popular for peritoneal dialysis since they allow more freedom during the day.

The main risk of peritoneal dialysis is infection of the abdomen, called peritonitis. This can occur when exchanges are done without using proper sterile technique. Peritonitis can be quite serious and requires antibiotics to be placed in the abdomen with the patient's exchanges. In most cases of peritonitis, the catheter can be left in the abdomen without needing to be changed, and usually

the infection can be treated with antibiotics at home without a need for admission to the hospital.

Patients on peritoneal dialysis often have less dietary restrictions than their contemporaries on hemodialysis. However, they often still need to restrict various dietary constituents, including phosphate. The other important dietary issue for patients on peritoneal dialysis is the need to take in plenty of protein. Protein is lost in each peritoneal dialysis exchange and needs to be replaced with dietary protein intake.

When not doing an exchange, the peritoneal dialysis catheter, which is flexible and comfortable, has a sterile cap covering the end. It is usually taped to the abdomen and does not interfere with most activities. Patients on peritoneal dialysis can continue to be active and participate in physical pursuits and can swim in chlorinated pools.

Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis are different methods of treating end stage kidney disease. These are the two available types of dialysis. In the next issues of the Kidney Corner we will continue our discussion about the different forms of dialysis. Subsequently we will start to discuss kidney transplantation.

Making them sweat



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Robin Duffy-Wirth (seated), fitness manager at the SunUte Community Center, offered fun-sized chocolate bars to attendees of the Health Fair on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center – as long as they first did jumping jacks for four-and-a-half minutes to burn off the calorie equivalent. The Southern Ute Health Services Division hosted the fair.

Matthew Sowash (right), a firefighter/medic with the Los Pinos Fire Protection District, hands out goodies to Upper Elementary students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.



Tribal member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive October winners



18 years and up
Maria Rivera



3rd grade – High School
Kai Roubideaux

Both participants won a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.
For information on how to win;

Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer's desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.

WE NEED A LOGO!

The Ignacio Senior Center needs a logo. Get a gift just for entering!

The Senior Center's mission is To provide services to the senior citizens of the Southern Ute Reservation, the town of Ignacio, and the surrounding area. The program will serve those with the greatest economic and social need, including those who are low-income, the frail and impaired, the geographically and socially isolated, and the non-English speaking, to improve their quality of life by fostering an environment of dignity and pride.

Contest rules:

- Must be on 8 1/2 X 11 paper—no lines
- Maximum of three colors (can be black and white)
- Include on back: Name, phone, mailing address
- Must include the words: "Ignacio Senior Center"
- **Deadline: November 22, 2013 @ 4 p.m.**

****You must meet all of these rules in order for your entry to be valid**

Turn your submission in to the staff at the Ignacio Senior Center or SUCAP Central Administration.
Senior Center—563-4561 or Central Admin—563-4517

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MIS Microsoft classes

Southern Ute Management Information Systems is offering multiple sessions of classes in three Microsoft products. Space is limited.

To enroll, send an email to Mary Monte at mmonte@southernute-nsn.gov with class or classes you would like to sign up for.

All classes are from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Microsoft Excel 2010
Nov. 20, Nov. 27

Microsoft Outlook 2010
Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18

Elders November activity schedule

Nov. 14: Farmington shopping trip. Van will be leaving at 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 20: Northern Edge Casino trip. Van will be leaving at 9 a.m.
Nov. 28 and 29: The Elder Services Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
All trips will need to have 3 or more Tribal Elder, Handicapped and Disabled members.
Dates are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156.

Clinic schedule for the remainder of 2013

• Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov. 28	Closed
• Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 29	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Leonard Burch Day Holiday(s)	Monday, Dec. 9	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Leonard Burch Day Holiday(s)	Tuesday, Dec. 10	Closed
• Christmas Eve	Tuesday, Dec. 24	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Christmas Day	Wednesday, Dec. 25	Closed
• Days after Christmas	Dec. 26-27	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• New Years Eve	Tuesday, Dec. 31	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• New Years Day	Wednesday, Jan. 1	Closed
• Days after New Years Day	Jan. 2-3	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HEALTH UPDATE

HEALTH CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

The Health Center will be open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Health Center will be open the two days after Christmas, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 26 and 27, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Health Center will be open the day after New Year's, Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CURING CANCER WITH CRAFTS

Ignacio schools' Relay for Life teams are hosting a "Curing Cancer With Crafts"

Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ignacio High School. There will be a Navajo taco and bake sale too. Our teams will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on June 27-28, 2014. Booth space will be available for \$10. One round table included, if needed. If you are interested in reserving a booth or for more information please contact Deb at 970-563-0661 or Kelly at 970-884-0247. Set up will begin at 8 a.m. with the doors opened from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



ETHAN RICHARDS

My name is Ethan Richards. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am in the 3rd grade. My favorite subjects in school are Math and Reading. I like to Ride my bike and play games. My parents are William Richards Jr. and Sherry Richards. In addition, I want to be and F.B.I. Agent or be on the SWAT Team when I grow up. **Comments:** Ethan is a good role model of behavior, attitude and hard work ethic for others.



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

SARAFINA CHACKEE

My name is Sarafina Chackee. I attend Ignacio Elementary school, where I am in the 4th grade. My favorite subjects in school are history and reading. My parents are Vernon Chackee and Neida Chackee. I like to participate in tutoring and Lego League. In addition, I want to help the Elders like my big brother Brandon. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the Month of October because I always want to do my best at school and tutoring. **Comments:** Sarafina works hard in class and in tutoring, is very respectful of others, and is always kind. Sara is a leader by example. She is respectful of classmates and teachers. She also strives for excellence in her classwork. Best of all, Sara always has a ready smile for everyone. Go Sara!



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

As part of the Tuesday, Oct. 29 Indian policies and procedures meeting at the Ignacio Middle School, several Southern Ute students gave a presentation on the new facility.

LOCAL SCHOOLS

School officials, parents discuss support for Native American students

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ignacio School District officials met with local parents Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Ignacio Middle School for an annual discussion on Indian policies and procedures. The meeting is a requirement for districts that claim students living on Indian lands for the purpose of receiving Impact Aid funding from the U.S. Department of Education, as Ignacio does. In her opening remarks, Southern Ute Education Department Director La Titia Taylor said the district has made great strides in recent years. “The goal that I have is to continue to work with the school district ... [to] improve attendance for our kids, their academics,” she said. “I can really see the improvements, and I enjoy being a part of that.”

Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto said a new entity within the district, the Higher Expectations Committee, has been focusing on improving attendance among Native American students. “The Native Americans had the highest attendance rate at the elementary school this past year,” he said, adding that the district has committed to doing everything in its power to support students – including, if necessary, taking parents to court for educational neglect. Naomi Russell, a parent and member of the district’s Johnson-O’Malley Committee, said the district could further help students by providing lessons in Native American culture for its teachers. “I would like to see our Anglo teachers have better cultural training,” she said. “I feel a disconnect sometimes when I talk to those teachers.

I feel like they don’t really understand the classroom.” Rocky Cundiff, chairman of the JOM Committee – which supports Native American students by, among other things, supplying tutors, paying fees, and providing school supplies – urged more parents to get involved in the program. “We need some more members if we can get them,” he said. Fuschetto also addressed another hot topic: the remains discovered buried at the site of the forthcoming Ignacio Elementary School. He said they will soon be relocated to a local cemetery, where they will be buried in a common grave marked by a monument. “When we rebury them, there will be 21 individual boxes, and they’ll be numbered, and there will be records kept,” he said.

Veteran, Baker talks to students



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute veteran Ronnie Baker visits the Ignacio Jr. High School gymnasium on Tuesday, Nov. 12 to speak about his history serving the nation as well as his years of operation in the United States Air Force.

Cooking with the Cowbelles



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio High School students, Sierra Cuthair and Anthony Suna measure their ingredients while learning to cook a new beef teriyaki dish from the La Plata County Cowbelles, Colorado Beef Producers on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

EDUCATION UPDATE

TURKEY MAKING AND STAMPING CLASSES

How to make a Holiday turkey and dressing on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Education Building beginning at 9 a.m. Stamping class will be for interested tribal members who want to make Thanksgiving Banners with Stamp Booking materials. The class will be held at the Education Building at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 right after the Turkey making class. Classes are for tribal members or other Native Americans. If interested in classes or more information, please contact Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

EMILY GRIFFITH OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is taking applications for tribal members who are interested in enrolling in the Administrative Clerk/ Receptionist class held at the Education Center. Call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237 if you have any questions.

CRAFT FAIR
NOVEMBER 16th

Ignacio Schools Relay for Life Teams are hosting a "Curing Cancer With Crafts" Craft Fair.
When: Saturday, November 16, 2013
Time: 9:00am to 2:00pm
Where: Ignacio High School (main entrance)



Southern Ute Education Dept.
2013/2014 Sudden Science
and STEM schedules

Sudden Science (K-2)		Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)	
Nov. 20	Class	Feb. 5	Class
Nov. 27	(Thanksgiving Brk.)	Feb. 12	Class
Dec. 4	Class	Feb. 19	Class
Dec. 11	Class	March 5	Class
Dec. 18	Class	March 13	Class
Dec. 25	(Winter Break)	March 19	Class
Jan. 1	(Winter Break)	April 2	(Spring Break)
Jan. 8	Class	April 9	Class
Jan. 15	Class	April 16	Class
Jan. 22	Last class	April 23	Class
STEM (Grades 3-5)		May 7	Class
Jan. 29	Class	May 14	Last class
Feb. 26	Class	ALL CLASSES MEET ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY	
March 26	Class		
April 30	Last class		

NOTE: Only STEM classes meet the last Wednesday of each month



Council Q&A at SUIMA



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Three members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council – Vice Chairman James M. Olguin, Treasurer Ramona Y. Eagle and Pathimi GoodTracks – took questions from students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Friday, Nov. 8. The students asked about a range of issues, including cultural preservation and the financial future of the tribe.

Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle (second from left) hugs an academy student following the question-and-answer session. Eagle told the students she would soon be leaving after nine years on the council.



LEGO leaguers put skills to test



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Lakota Bartley cheers as his team's LEGO robot successfully pushes a lever, sending a helicopter gliding across the course at the annual LEGO League tournament Saturday, Nov. 9 at Animas Valley Elementary School north of Durango. Bartley was part of "Poptart Kitties," a team fielded by the Southern Ute Education Department in this year's competition. Other team members included Marcus Archuleta, Rowan Griffin, Mark Archuleta, Cyrus Naranjo, Kalynn Weaver and Hannah Cundiff. The team was coached by India Gindici and Danica Ivanovich.

The Little Library that could



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

SUIMA students and faculty stand next to the Little Free Library on Thursday, Oct. 31 as they drop the first books into the library. The library is located west of the elementary building.

The first selections of books are dropped off into the Little Free Library. Since 2010, the Little Free Library has grown in most states and countries to promote literacy and the love of reading. SUIMA has the first Little Free Library in the southwest Colorado/ Four Corners region.



Families receive resource packets



courtesy Nancy Lowe/SUIMA

Ms. Carol Olguin, director of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy recently handed out a set of resource materials for every family. The resource set includes a Children's Thesaurus, a Math Dictionary for Homework Help, a Scholastic Pocket Dictionary, and a Scholastic Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homonyms. Academy teachers will use the resource materials as both a source of help in the classroom and a source of homework for Academy students! Future issues of The Drum will have a SUIMA sponsored "Mystery Word" for all families to enjoy finding together. The family resource packets were a collaboration between SUIMA and the SUIMA Parent Advisory Group. Pictured with the students are (left to right) sitting Judi Cole (Reading Specialist) and Ms. Carol Olguin (director, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy), Standing are Tamara Reynolds (Vice Chair, Parent Advisory Group) and Monique Marquez (Chairperson, Parent Advisory Group).

Lions donate dictionaries



courtesy Nancy Lowe/SUIMA

The Bayfield Lions Club delivered dictionaries to all third year students at the Academy. Pictured front row (left to army): Kyle Rima, Dominique Rael, Autumn Sage and Harmony Reynolds. Back Row: Lion Club members: L to R Ron Dunavant, Sue Ann Gaherty, Joyce Knoll, Sandy Robison, George Knoll and Ken Gaherty .



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Marvin Trujillo Jr. Veterans Program Director Pueblo of Laguna served as master of ceremonies for the morning presentations, giving recognition to the veterans, while also introducing the mornings presentations.



A young Eagle Dancers gives an impressive display as part of the opening ceremonies during the 15th Annual Native American Symposium. The presenting group, The Laguna Eagle Dancers, hails from the Laguna Pueblo and is predominately comprised of members from the Riley family.



The All Indian Pueblo Color Guard posts colors before attendees on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Route 66 Hotel and Casino.



Southern Ute Vietnam Veteran Rod Grove sits with Ute Mountain Ute tribal members; Rita King and Beverly Le-Hi from Towaoc, Colorado.

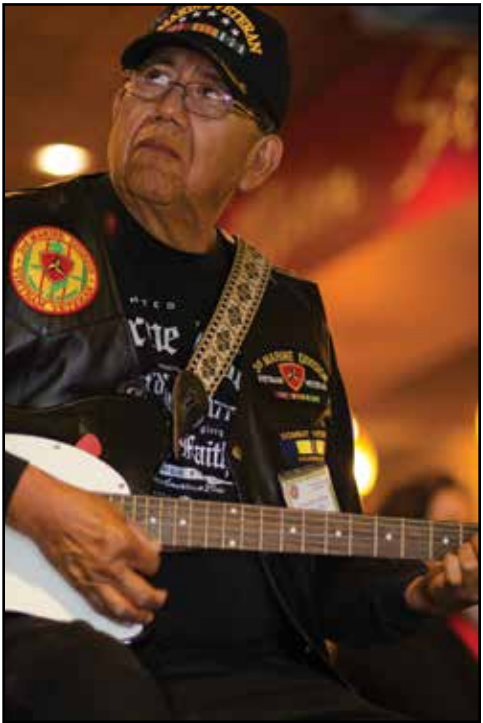
Vets gather in Laguna

Gracing the Route 66 Hotel and Casino on the Pueblo of Laguna, the 15th Annual Native American Veterans Symposium brought in veterans from across Indian Country Friday, Nov. 8 to partake in the informational session, as well as cultural presentations in honor of Veterans Day.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



United States Army Veteran Tom Dailey served in World War II and continues to play an active role in veterans affairs. Dailey also served as a former Governor for the Pueblo of Laguna (1954-1955,1967-1971).



Chris Riley plays guitar with his group Village Express, the musicians entertained, following the formal presentations on Friday, Nov 8. – The group is comprised of veterans from the Pueblo of Laguna.

Dancing for our veterans



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The veterans powwow held at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center hosted a remembrance for Leonard C. Burch on Saturday, Nov. 9. Burch, who enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating high school in 1954, is honored by wife Irene Coolidge (center), his daughters, and granddaughters.



The colors of powwow dancers flourished in commemoration of all the veterans who served the nation. Veterans of all ages are in attendance.

Greg Bison dances in his colorful attire during the veterans powwow grand entry.

Taste of Native Cuisine & Culture Expo 2013

Celebrate the Third Annual Native Cuisine & Culture Expo!
Experience innovative traditional entrées & desserts prepared by professional chefs M. Karlos Baca & Anthony Hamlin.
Featuring: Ute dancers & singers, live music, activities for adults & children.

- Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum**
- 503 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO 81137
- Saturday November 16th
- 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Apache Crown Dancers: 10 a.m.
- Ute Dancers & Singers: 11 a.m.
- Native Cuisine: NOON—2:00 p.m.
- Award Winning Punk Band SIHASIN: 1 p.m.
- \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 7-15. Free for children under 7 with adult paid entrance. Includes museum admission.
- Purchase tickets at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum or by calling (970) 563-9583. Cash, check or credit card.
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Chimayo Red Chile & Honey Glaze • Juniper Berry & Wild Mushroom Ragout
Cranberry & Habanero Mousse • Yucca Chip, Candied Bear Berries • Butternut Panna Cotta
Pomegranate Coulis & Almond Sage Crumble



IJH VOLLEYBALL

V-ball thriving at middle school!

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Simply put, Ignacio Middle School’s ‘A’ squad won the San Juan Basin League volleyball title this fall – October 12th, to be precise – because from Day One there was no ‘quit’ in them.

Sure, some afternoons of practice may have been harder than others, as were likely some – though apparently not many, judging by the team’s 17-3 overall record – matches, but Cindy Valdez’s young Lady Bobcats refused to utter the aforementioned four-letter word.

Neither did Jennifer Seibel’s team. And neither did Kathy Herrera’s or Rylie Jefferson’s.

“We had 51 girls come out this year,” Valdez said, overly proud that IMS fielded an ‘A’ team, a ‘B,’ and three ‘C’ teams. “Started with 51 – in Grades Six, Seven and Eight – and we ended with 51!”

“This summer I put on the very first – that I’ve been coaching – two-day volleyball camp,” she continued. “Couple hours each day, and the girls came and we just introduced volleyball ... I think that’s how we got so many girls interested in it!”

“We have a high-school coach [Thad Cano] who is very open and willing to help; he was always very ... ‘Hey, what do you need? Let me help you!’ So I’m just seeing that from senior level all the way down to when the girls can start playing in sixth grade ... there’s cohesion for the kids. And when I put on my camp this summer, high-school players helped with it – creates a form of bonding with the girls, and gives our younger girls super role models.”

Having lost only to Durango’s Miller Middle and Bayfield Middle (twice) in 2013, Ignacio Middle’s ‘A’ – also in a circuit with BMS, MMS, Durango’s Escalante and St. Columba, Pagosa Springs and even Cortez – ultimately duelled Dolores up in Norwood for all the SJBL marbles.

“We knew they were going to be tough. During the league [schedule] we had to go four games – in that league we go 3-out-of-5 – and that was the only team [against which] we had to go four,” recalled Valdez. “So we stepped on the court, and the very first game ... we just handed them – we had 25 points right off the bat, and we thought it was going to be a piece of cake!”

“So the second game, the girls kind of got relaxed and we ... struggled! Third game, we lost and we didn’t know what just hit us; Dolores stepped up and thought ‘We’re not going down easy – going to

give you a fight!’ And they did. The fourth game ... we were making silly mistakes and I told them, ‘You’re beating yourselves is what you’re doing.’”

Admitting to – and amazed by the results of – having not once used the same starting lineup from one match to the next, Valdez wisely decided to make another change and bench someone. Herself.

“I know, and from my husband being a coach as well, your team will feed off of you. I wasn’t giving them good vibes because I was so intense,” she said, “so I just sat down on the bench and watched – which was one of the hardest things I could do! They looked at me, must have thought ‘Uh-oh ... Coach isn’t saying anything – she’s sitting down!’”

“I called a timeout, pulled them together and said, ‘You have everything you need to win! Got to learn how to use it, and you’ve got to want to use it. And ... play the game like you love it!’ I sat back down, and they came together and won!”

“We all just jumped up and screamed! We were so excited, and seeing that the girls ... fought for it was better – I would have rather them fought for that win, than had it been like the very first game where we just scooped it up with no problem,” she stated. “I’d rather them fight for what they’ve earned.”

Sounds indeed like something Chris Valdez, Ignacio High’s boys’ basketball boss, would say.

“I could go and tell specific things about all of them, but I can’t just pick a couple [standouts] because they all improved,” said Cindy Valdez. “And I switched them up all the time ... wanted to show them it doesn’t matter who you play with – you play at your level, and you have to play with everybody.”

Three-year ‘A’ veteran Shoshone Thompson and Avionne Gomez, both currently in eighth grade, and seventh-grader Shyanne Vigil were three of Valdez’s all-around cornerstones, particularly on offense. Eighth-graders Chloe Velasquez and Sidney Cox contributed essential back-row work as well.

Payton Lyon was the only other seventh-grader on the ‘A’ roster, with Victoria Adams, Allisianna Baker, Chasity Bean, Caitlin Garcia and Shelsey Lagerstrom all entering the halls of IHS next year.

“What I try to do a lot is play them in the positions that I thought they would be playing in high school,” Valdez said. “I kind of talked to Coach Cano about those instances and he goes, ‘You know ... give ‘em that experience now.’ I said o.k.; that’s what I tried to do!”

IHS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats: Ready, willing, and Seibel

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Instructing and orchestrating the high-speed blur that is basketball ... basically old hat to him.

As a contented spectator last winter, witnessing two daughters logging varsity minutes, Shane Seibel thought he’d hung that hat up for good. Or at least the foreseeable future ... now already arrived.

“Sitting on the ‘sidelines,’ you know ... while I enjoyed it, I really missed coaching,” said the longtime IHS varsity boys’ assistant/JV boss. “I really missed the kids. Missed the energy that they had, that they bring, and I thought I could help.”

With Justa Whitt electing to pursue other interests rather than return and follow up on her 16-9, Class 2A ‘Great Eight’ debut season, and assistant/JV skipper Bri Simbeck choosing to take charge of 3A Bayfield’s varsity, a couple chairs on Ignacio’s girls’ bench were suddenly, alarmingly vacated.

Enter the born-and-bred Bobcat, at least to fill the more prominent of the pair.

“Hats off to Justa [Whitt], had a great season last year!” Seibel said, speaking Tuesday, Nov. 5 – about a week before the 2013-14 slate’s first official practice. “But being a single mom, single income – it’s tough, and so I completely understand where she’s coming from.”

“Just building on tradition that has been established,” continued the 1989 IHS grad. “There’s been some great success, wonderful coaches that have come in and done a fine job. Right now, that comes to the fore-

front with the seniors and some of those underclassmen that played last year.”

Graduation in May did rip out most of the engine and drive train that powered Ignacio deep into the post-season, but Seibel knows there’s still some crucial parts left around which he can attempt a rebuild.

“We’re just going to reload; we don’t rebuild, just reload,” he laughed, correcting the writer.

Minus the potent Valerie Armstrong-Mariah Vigil-Pam Cotton front line, as well as star guard/forward Michelle Simmons, IHS’ strong suit will be the uniforms in the backcourt – senior Cloe Seibel and sophomore Sky Cotton, with both able to play either the point or 2-guard roles.

Senior Gabriela Garcia, able in the backcourt but also effective as a wing-type forward, will also be leaned upon heavily to provide veteran leadership. Sophomores Ellie Seibel and Chrystianne Valdez will find their 2012-13 roles revised and enhanced, while vets Roshae Weaver and Deja Herrera will again offer extra depth.

“Right now our strength



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Now head coach of the Lady Bobcats, Shane Seibel – then just a spectator – chats with Ridgway’s Steve Hill, one of Colorado’s winningest coaches ever, prior to the teams’ meeting inside IHS Gymnasium last season.

is going to be overall team quickness. We’re short in stature, but big on heart – and we’re going to really work on using that strength,” said Seibel. “That’s our deal; we don’t have any girls very tall – still trying to recruit from volleyball! – but they’ve got big passion for the game.”

“One of the things we’re going to continue to build on ... they’ve got a great base defensively. Coach [Brice] Searles and Coach Justa really established good, fundamental, sound principles in the defensive areas – I just want to continue to improve on that,” he added. “And, really, we’ve got to shoot the ball; if you’re short in stature you’ve got to use your quickness to get to the basket, but also be able to shoot your open shots. That’s going to be a key, finding our

FLC BASKETBALL

Simmons earning her Skyhawk wings

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Her LeBron James-esque 24-point, 10-rebound output as evidence, Arizona’s LaBrittney Jones could have shown Michelle Simmons in person that freshmen don’t play like freshmen at the NCAA level.

However, the former Ignacio High standout was unable to travel down to Tucson, Ariz., for the Nov. 2nd exhibition game and witness her new teammates challenge (and, by an 80-65 verdict, lose to) the Division I Wildcats inside their famed McKale Center.

“I was sick – had, like, a viral infection,” Simmons said Thursday afternoon, Nov. 7 – roughly 50 hours before her Division II Fort Lewis College teammates tipped the 2013-14 season off in Durango – outside the doors to Whalen Gymnasium. “They had a scrimmage Wednesday that week too, and I couldn’t participate in that either. I was SICK.”

But no matter; having been previously approached by both D-I Cal State-Fullerton and D-II Adams State University to ball this winter, Simmons wouldn’t have been surprised by the skills displayed.

“Just to be a college athlete is just ... crazy!” stated the graphic-design major proudly. “You never really know what you’re getting yourself into, until you’re actually doing it.”

“We are excited to add a local player with a bunch of potential,” second-year head coach Jason Flores – a 1995

U of A graduate – said in a late-summer press release. “Michelle is an athletic guard that has a chance to become very good here.”

Part of a rookie crop including in-state products Skylyn Webb (4A Delta), Clare Nicolas (4A Elizabeth) and Kelsey Wainright (5A Highlands Ranch), with Ande Lampert (5A Boulder; transfer from Stockton, Calif.-based, D-I University of the Pacific) going into a redshirt-freshman season, Simmons would have likely found only minimal minutes while also behind seniors Erika Richards (20 points against ‘Zona) and Ashley Kuchar (12 points) on the Skyhawk depth chart.

So, in a team-first move, she very recently elected to gain learning time over playing time.

“I’m a redshirt,” said Simmons. “Still part of the team and everything, but [Flores] asked us how we felt about it and I volunteered willingly. Because it just makes me that much better, and it gives me more time to play. It’s



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Former three-sport Lady Bobcat Michelle Simmons, now a Fort Lewis College Skyhawk, stands proudly outside Whalen Gymnasium’s doors Thursday, Nov. 7th. Simmons will be spending her first season at FLC as a redshirt, allowing her to build her skills and knowledge of the college-paced hoop game.

nothing negative; I’m actually really excited to do it.”

“This incoming class ... has a little bit of everything we needed,” Flores added. “It gives us the ability to have great depth, and competition in practice should be great. We are really looking forward to blend in the skills ... these players bring along with those of a great core of returners.”

“She sets an awesome example – she shows what’s possible. Michelle carries that ‘torch’ to go, ‘Hey! You can do what you want if you put your mind to it,’” said new IHS girls’ varsity coach Shane Seibel. “So it’s a wonderful opportunity for ...Mi-

shooting touch.”

“I am focused on just coming in and being the best coach that I can, help them with some experience that I gained on the boys’ side – coaching underneath and learning from one of the best coaches [Chris Valdez] in the history of Ignacio Basketball.”

Of course, having State Championship-experience from which to also draw upon will also help.

“The wonderful team of ‘88, we won the [Class A-Div. I] State Championship. Fantastic group that year, very big – we had a tall lineup – had outside shooting, inside ... the whole package,” he recalled.

“That following year we came back [to State] and ... weren’t picked to do very well. But we ended up getting back to the championship, and lost by three. It was a fantastic run ... learned a lot. Hard work, great attitude – that’s what our focus was. I’ve seen that, and that’s something that’s instilled in me.”

The Lady Bobcats’ season-opener will be December 5th against 4A Farmington, N.M., at 3A Shiprock, New Mexico’s Jerry Richardson Memorial/Lady Chieftain Invitational.

“Going to be a fantastic learning experience for the ladies right out of the gate,” Seibel said. “Our goal right now is really conditioning, conditioning ... teamwork, and hitting fundamentals every day.”

“I firmly believe anything’s possible on this earth. If you put your heart, your effort, and your great attitude to it ... anything’s possible.”

Wildlife offers survey for classes

The Southern Ute Wildlife Advisory Committee invites you to participate in a survey that will help determine what types of classes to offer to the membership and what types of special clinics should be offered. We would also like to find out more about where you like to hunt and fish. To download the survey, visit www.sudrum.com/classifieds/wildlife-survey.

There is no deadline to return the survey. To return the survey, email wildlife_info@southernute-nsn.gov; mail it to the Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or hand deliver it to the Wildlife office in the Annex Building Room 125.



COMMUNITY GREETINGS



WHO ARE THESE MASKED MEN?

Heroes come to the Rez to take on Tribal Council on Thursday, Oct. 31, in the Leonard C. Burch building.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SANIYYA

Happy 2nd birthday to our precious daughter Saniyya Valdez.

From your loving dad Angelo and mother Pamela

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

THANK YOU FROM ESTELLE MONTE JIMENEZ

I want to thank my family and friends for all of the support that you showed the last few months.

I want to send a special thanks to my husband Victor Jimenez who stands by my side and was in charge of the HoneyDo list. My amazing daughters for all of their love, support and keeping it real for me. My sisters for believing in me and doing what I needed to be done.

I want to thank the membership for taking the time to vote. I want to wish the newly voted in Tribal Council members good luck.

*Thank you all so much,
Estelle Monte Jimenez*

BAKER THANKS SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

I would like to thank all the tribal members who supported and voted for me in the November 1, 2013 tribal election.

This thank you goes out to tribal members who live both on the reservation and off reservation.

I will do my best for the membership for the next three years as a newly elected tribal council member.

Once I have been sworn in and I am in office please feel free to give me a call to discuss any issues or questions that you may have.

Once again I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I wish you all the best in the upcoming holidays and enjoy your time with family and friends.

*Thank you,
Melvin J. Baker*

And the new homeowner is...



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Lands Division Head Germaine Ewing (left) holds a basket containing the eligible tribal members' names while Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. makes the selection.

Alberta Bison (right) was the lucky winner Friday, Nov. 8 in a drawing to determine which tribal member would have the opportunity to buy a 1,430-square-foot home south of Ignacio near La Boca. Bison was one of four tribal members to qualify for the drawing, a process the tribe has used since 2003.



SunUte Thanksgiving holiday hours

- Nov. 27 6 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Nov. 28 Closed
- Nov. 29 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

For more information call SunUte at 970-563-0214.

December per capita distribution

- December per capita will be distributed Tuesday, Nov. 26.
- Christmas per capita will be distributed Friday, Dec. 6.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at 970-563-0100.



Going Beyond



Some businesses are making smart changes to improve our environment, economy and the health of their employees. And some are Going Beyond...

Join us in recognizing these Resource Smart Certified Businesses at the highest level of achievement:

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4CORE
Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency

This program brought to you by 4CORE and community partners

NEW EMPLOYEES



Cassandra J. Naranjo

Job title: NAGPRA apprentice

Description of duties: Trained to implement and perform duties required under NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act.) with respect to remains funerary objects and sacred objects of cultural patrimony. Introduction w/state, federal and tribal entities.

Hobbies: Reading, conversing on various subjects, artistic work-beading, painting and writing.

Family: Significant other David Leno, daughter Katrina Martinez, son Moav', and grandson Nathan Jr.

Tribe: Southern Ute



Sarah Cuch

Job title: Education assistant

Description of duties: Help children learn at the Southern Ute Academy

Hobbies: Hiking, jogging, swimming, bear dancing, sewing, cooking, long drives, taking photos, and teaching.

Tribe: Northern Ute

Additional comments: Love teaching and excited to teach and help the academy, and learn more and more.

Next issue

Nov. 27

Deadline

Nov. 22

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to the following address:

astryker@
southernute-nsn.gov

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Notices

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November 15, 2013



Johnson O'Malley



Committee Vacancy

The JOM committee has two vacancies.

To be considered please submit a LETTER of INTENT Eligibility:

1. You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield School Districts or the local Head Start.
2. Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descent.
3. Be 18 or older
4. Be able to commit to a two-year term. Meetings are held once a month.

The next meeting will meet Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Education building/S. Ute Education Dept.

To submit your letter of intent please contact Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0235 or esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov This committee oversees spending of federal JOM dollars in Ignacio, Bayfield, and Head Start. It's a great way to assist local Native American students. Please call Ellen for more information, or Naomi Russell at 970-403-0613.

Want to get involved in your Community?

The Board of County Commissioners invites all members of the community to apply for vacancies on one of the boards or commissions listed below:

Board of Adjustment
Board of Appeals
Community Corrections Board
Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances
Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee
Durango Public Library Board
Extension Advisory Committee
Fire Code Board of Appeals—Gen. Contractor, Design Professional, Industrial Safety Professional
Historic Preservation Review Commission
Ignacio Community Library District Board
Lake Durango Water Authority - (customer of Water Authority)
Living with Wildlife Advisory Board
Lodging Tax Panel
Long Term Finance Committee
Pine River Cemetery District Committee
Planning Commission
Regional Housing Alliance
Southwest Region 9 Workforce Board
Undesirable Plant & Rodent Advisory Committee

These positions are advisory only and are not monetarily compensated. Check the County website for specific board requirements. Applications and descriptions may be obtained online at www.co.laplate.co.us or from the La Plata County Courthouse Information Center, 1060 East Second Avenue, Durango, CO. Applications must be returned by December 13th. For additional information call 970-382-6219.



We want you!

Are you a Tribal Member that is 18 or over and registered to VOTE?

The Southern Ute Election Board has 1 vacancy **ONE** ALTERNATE Board Member seat!

Here is an opportunity to go behind the scene as we prepare for the up coming election, and learn about the tribal election process!

These are tribal appointments and paid positions.

If you are interested in applying for the **ALTERNATE** Board Member position, submit your Letter of Intent to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) by **Wednesday, November 20th**, before 5:00 p.m.

Have questions? Please phone 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, East Wing, of the Tribal Office.



IT'S YOUR VOTE or IT'S YOUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Southern Ute Election Board • P.O. Box 737, MS #32 • Ignacio, CO 81137-0737

SunUte Community Center & The Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad Presents:

THE POLAR EXPRESS

A TRIBAL FAMILY FIELD TRIP

First come, first serve (Limited Space Available)

Tribal Members: Sign up your **IMMEDIATE** family at SunUte Front Desk. **No** registrations over the phone please.

Cost: **Free**. These tickets are purchased in advance, so if you RSVP on December 18th, but do not attend, you will be held responsible for the full cost of the ticket (valued at \$35.00).

Registration Deadline is December 9th @ 5pm.

We will meet at the Durango Train Station **December 21st at 4:30pm**, sharp!

Tickets will be issued at that time, train boards at 4:45pm!

Note: This field trip is targeted to children between 3-10 years old, accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Field Trip Description:

All passengers will enjoy hot chocolate and a treat served by your personal chefs who will also read the THE POLAR EXPRESS story on the way to the North Pole to pick up Santa! While Santa visits each car, your chefs will lead you in specially selected Christmas carols on the return to Durango. All the kids aboard the train will receive a special gift from Santa!



ATTENTION! JUMPHOUSE AND BOUNCEHOUSE FANS!

JUMPING BEAN JUMPHOUSES WILL BE CLOSING THROUGHOUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WE WILL BE REORGANIZING WHILE WE ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS RENTED FROM US. OPERATIONS WILL RESUME BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY 2014.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON,
JUMPING BEAN JUMPHOUSES.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS for TERO approved surveying,

earthwork, utilities, concrete, masonry, structural steel fabricator and erectors, cold-formed metal framing, roofing, dampproofing/waterproofing/joint sealants, aluminum storefront, stucco, plumbing and electrical contractors for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund Office Building II Bid Package #1 project in Ignacio, CO. Notice is hereby given that proposals from qualified firms shall be received by FCI Constructors, Inc. at 186 Moose Lane, Durango, CO 81303 or by fax at (970) 259-8633 until Tuesday, November 19th, 2013 by 2:00pm (MST). Bid evaluations will comply with SUIT TERO Code for Native American Preference. Bid requirements and information may be obtained by contacting Jim Burrridge, Senior Project Estimator at (970) 259-8644 or via email at jburrridge@fcicol.com. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to see that any submitted bids are delivered to FCI prior to the closing date and time. FCI reserves the right to reject late proposals and cancel this RFB, or reject any and all submittals, in whole or part, when it is in the best interest of FCI. FCI assumes no financial responsibility/liability whatsoever for the preparation of any response to this RFB. Proposals will not be accepted by telephone.

Mique Nuche!
Family, Friends, Relatives and Tribal Members!

VOTE Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

This Nuumachi who has Experience in the leadership served 3 terms and 1 year as a Vice-Chairman. Together we will walk in our Nuupacha! This Nuumachi will listen, communicate, work and support you Nuchu!

Shout out to you Nuchu! VOTE Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie on December 13th, 2013

May the Creator watch over you and take care of you all Nuchu through your daily lives, from the youngest to the oldest.



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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Employment Opportunities

All Southern Ute Tribal Members interested in temporary employment with the Southern Ute Growth Fund, please call Snowbird Frost, Tribal Member Employment at 970-563-5000 or you can email Snowbird at sfrost@sugf.com.

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co.
Closing date 11/18/13

Ignacio, CO. Under general direction of the Red Willow Production Superintendent and Foremen, manages and maintains field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data.

Gas Control Administrative Assistant – Red Willow Production Co.
Closing date 11/18/13

Ignacio, CO. Under the direction of the Gas Control Manager, completes office and clerical duties to ensure an organized and efficient office environment; assists gas control staff in a variety of administrative duties including copying, distributing and filing documents; maintains at all times positive and effective working relationships with coworkers, supervisors, and the public.

Construction Superintendent – Aka Energy Group
Closing date 11/18/13

Durango, CO or Tulsa, OK. Managing field inspectors and other contract labor and services and for providing construction management support for company construction projects including pipeline systems, compression facilities, processing plants and associated facilities. Responsible for ensuring application of, and compliance with, all company and Growth Fund safety policies and procedures. Ensures that company construction standards are followed.

EHS Database Coordinator – SECMG

Closing date 11/18/13
Durango, CO. Administers and maintains the Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) databases currently being utilized by the Growth Fund (GF) and its business enterprises, with primary focus on the monitoring and reporting of air quality compliance/permitting.

Senior Petroleum Engineer – Red Willow Production Corp.

Closing date 11/18/13
Ignacio, CO. Advanced application of Petroleum Engineering skills principally in the areas of drilling, completion and production of wells. As a member of a multi-discipline team, has broad responsibilities associated with optimizing field development and depletion. Conducting project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting, approvals, and post-appraisals, and mentoring. May function in a team lead capacity and may have supervision responsibilities.

Senior Reservoir Engineer – Red Willow Production Corp.

Closing date 11/18/13
Ignacio, CO. Requires expert application of reservoir engineering, petroleum engineering and project evaluation skills. Works collaboratively with Basin Teams and partners to evaluate reservoir performance and optimize development and depletion plans for assigned areas. Utilizes appropriate risking techniques and economic analyses to optimize the quality of investments.

Petroleum Engineer III – Red Willow Production Corp.

Closing date 11/18/13
Ignacio, CO. Requires a basic application of Petroleum Engineering skills principally in the areas of drilling, completion and production of wells. Works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team to optimize field development and depletion. Responsible for conducting project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting, approvals, and post-appraisals.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Bingo Staff – Temporary

Closing date 11/15/13
Performs paper and pull-tab sales at the Bingo hall entrance and Bingo floor. Announces bingo games, includes assisting customers with any questions regarding operations of the Bingo games. Responsible for verifying winning bingo cards and makes payouts accordingly. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have good cash handling skills.

Craps Dealer – FT

Closing date 11/15/13
Deals all crap games. Responsible for promoting positive guest relations through prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/GED. Must have 1 year Craps Dealer experience with Dealer School Certification or 3 years experience dealing Craps, or Sky Ute Casino Dealer Certificate. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in Craps.

Facilities Staff – FT

Closing date 11/15/13
Responsible for the operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Responsible for the cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Must have a HS Diploma/GED. Prior experience in one or more related fields preferred. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Server-Willows – FT

Closing date 11/15/13
Provides exceptional dining experience by delivering first class customer service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School Diploma/GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience and 1 year of cashing and food service exp. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • 970-563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Assistant Cook – Senior Center

Open until filled
Weekdays, preparing Meals on Wheels and on-site meals for elderly nutrition program. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, must have a current health certificate, experience cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds. Must have valid Colorado driver's license and be insurable by SUCAP insurance.

Teacher – So. Ute Montessori Head Start

Open until filled
Great health benefits. Looking for someone who

wants to make a difference. Exceptional health care benefits. High School diploma required; CDA, AA or BA preferred. Must have at least one year experience in early child care in a provider setting. Must pass background checks.

Teacher Assistant – So. Ute Montessori Head Start

Open until filled
Full-time. Must have High School Diploma/GED, willing to pursue CDA/A. A. or B.A. in Early Childhood Education. Must pass background checks.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2013-0090-CV-NC
Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks,
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kela Shirlyn Hernandez. As of October 21, 2013 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Kela Shirlyn Goodtracks name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Kela Shirlyn Hernandez.
Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.:2013-0101-CV-NC
Angel Santana Ortiz,
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Angel Santana Ortiz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angel Santana Burch.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2013-0103-CV-NC
Sara Rae Jean Pena,
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Cera Jean Rock. As of November 12, 2013 at 3:00PM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Cera Jean Rock.
Dated this 15th day of October, 2013.
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Apprentice – Media Manager

Closing date 11/18/13
Southern Ute tribal members only. This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with producing and editing a Tribal Newspaper, The Time Frame for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Certified Patrol Officer

Closing date 11/20/13
Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal community. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Criminal Investigator

Closing date 11/20/13
Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Complies reports, collects evidence and witness statements and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22: \$29/hour.

Transport Detention Officer

Closing date 11/20/13
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the Detention Center. The Transportation/Detention Officer will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments and court appearances. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Benefits Coordinator

Closing date 11/21/13
Conducts Tribal Member Health Benefits Department (TMHB) patient/client health benefit and resource eligibility screening and provides and explains information regarding health benefit/resource programs available such as Medicare, Medicaid, Department

of Veterans Affairs, Bureau of Employment Compensation and Third Party Liability. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Lead Medical Coder/Data Entry

Closing date 11/22/13
Performing complex diagnostic and procedural coding on patient records using IC-9-CM and CPT-4 classification systems. Reviews, abstracts and applies appropriate diagnostic coding. Adheres to official coding guidelines for ECD-9-CM and CPT-4. Coordinates with physicians and other healthcare providers to ensure that patient information is accurate and complete. Records and prepares accurate information for entry into the RPMS and HER system in order to optimize reimbursement. Communicates effectively with external and internal customers and ensures timely solutions to different coding issues. Performs other related HIM related functions essential to the coding process as needed. Pay grade 18: \$18.80/hour.

Behavioral Health Manager

Closing date 11/25/13
The Behavioral Health Manager is responsible for developing, coordinating and managing the behavioral health program for Southern Ute Health Center. In addition, the incumbent oversees the program contract requirements, program development, resource management, employee supervision and training and provides direct clinical services to eligible members in the community. This position serves as the Supervisor for mental health services provided to children, adolescents, adults, couples, families and groups. Pay grade 24: \$74,667/year.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open until filled
Southern Ute tribal members only. This is a trainee position for a uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Pay grade 17: \$17.22/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

DURANGO EDUCATION CENTER

Language arts adult educator

The Durango Education Center seeks an energetic educator to join our team of caring and dedicated staff. Our ideal person will be certified in Secondary Language Arts and Social Studies, have a solid technology toolkit, a background

in teaching at-risk youth and adults, a wide-ranging depth of knowledge with high school and college level reading and writing strategies, and a minimum of 3 years of teaching experience. Visit www.durangoedcenter.org to apply.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

TERO Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal members at large to serve on the TERO Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to Article 3 of the TERO Code:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must not be currently employed by the Tribal government or the Growth Fund and who does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business;
- Must have the ability to observe restrictions

concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

Candidates can submit an application along with a letter of interest explaining why they wish to be appointed to the Commission. Applications may be obtained at the Tribal Employment Rights Office, 586 Ouray Drive, Ignacio CO. 81137. Applications and letters are required to be turned into TERO by 5 p.m. Nov. 22. Any questions can be answered by contacting the Tribal Employment Rights Office at 970-563-0111.

MARCH TO THE BEAT OF YOUR OWN DRUM.

The Drum is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to apprentice under the media manager.

If successful, the apprentice will take over the permanent position in **August 2014.**

We're looking for someone:

- smart,
- assertive,
- and dedicated to tribal news.

The successful candidate will have experience in management, journalism, or both. So if you know the difference between a burro and a burrow, we want to hear from you!

The deadline to apply is Monday, Nov. 18. Visit www.southernute-nsn.gov/employment for more info.

Advertise in the Drum!

Call or email today for more info!
970-563-0118 • sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Contestants await judging in the 'tween category,' during the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

Ghouls, goblins and ghosts

Halloween once again appeared like a ghost on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus, Thursday, Oct. 31. Various tribal departments decorated in frightful fashion, in anticipation of the trick-or-treaters from the Southern Ute Indian Montessorri Academy and Southern Ute Head Start. The annual costume contest took place in Council Chambers and the Sky Ute Casino Resort hosted a community Halloween carnival.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Halloweeners win prizes playing games during the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Various community business' and local organizations also hosted booths during the carnival.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessorri Academy students trick-or-treat at the Southern Ute Drum's 'Haunted Dungeon'.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Winner in the 'Overall Category' during the Tribal Council Halloween costume contest.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The scarier the better, as many tried their luck in the scariest category in Council Chambers.

Creating frightful, useful art



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

David Avila (front) and Darren Rock, at the Southern Ute Detention Center, finish the final touches on a game board they have been painting for weeks. The game board, which featured a slingshot, was presented at the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Oct. 31.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Nov. 15



Mostly sunny 50°F

Saturday, Nov. 16



Mostly sunny 49°F

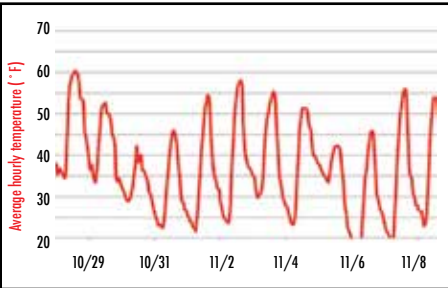
Sunday, Nov. 17



Mostly cloudy 47°F

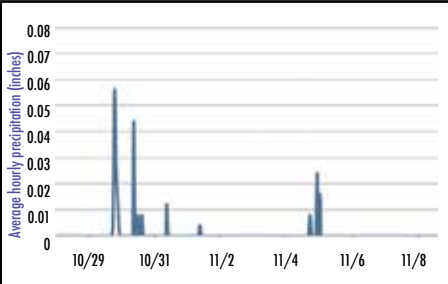


Weather data for October 28 – November 8



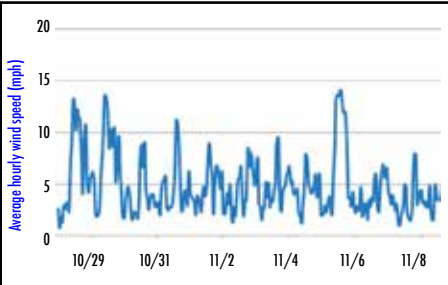
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High	60.3°
Low	14.9°
Average	36.7°
Average last year	42.6°



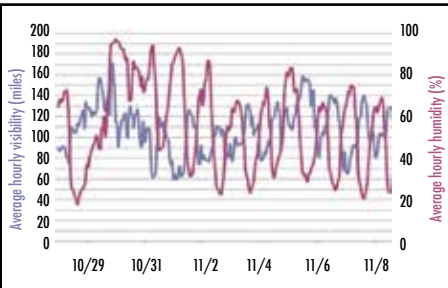
Precipitation

Total	0.236"
Total last year	0.000"



Wind speed

Average	4.8
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	14.1



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	107.0
Average humidity	56.3%

Air quality
Good



MASSIVE 2013 CLEARANCE SAVINGS!



As a "Thank You" to our valued customers, we're giving away a \$500 Gift Card with each new in-stock 2013 vehicle purchased through November 30. This is in addition to all discounts & rebates!

2013 Ram 1500 Save up to \$7,672 off MSRP!



Stock # 3478



If you're even thinking about a new truck, you need to come see us! There are more deals like this, but you better hurry!

We're dealing and you're winning!

VETS: Take an ADDITIONAL \$500 OFF these low prices through 11-18!



2013 Dodge Dart Only \$15,534 after discounts!

Front Wheel Drive

25 mpg city
36 mpg hwy



Stock # 3408

EIGHT 2013 Darts to choose from!



Sale prices include a combination of rebates and dealer discounts. See dealer for details. Vehicle color may vary. All prices plus TTL and \$240 dealer handling fee. Offers expire 11-30-13.

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That's the Way We Do Business.

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